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Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method of preparing information usable in theft detection using radio frequency identification ("RFID") technology, comprising steps of:

reading, from an RFID tag affixed to each of one or more ~~presented~~ items presented for purchase, identifying information for that item; and

storing the identifying information for each item in machine-readable form on a printed sales receipt reflecting the presented items, in addition to printing a conventional itemized purchase list on the printed sales receipt to reflect the presented items, wherein the stored identifying information is stored in a first area of the printed sales receipt that is separate from a second area of the printed sales receipt in which the conventional itemized purchase list is printed.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the identifying information is stored on the printed sales receipt as an enumerated list if more than one item is presented for purchase.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the storing step stores the identifying information in an RFID tag affixed to the printed sales receipt.

Claim 4 (original): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the identifying information is a stock-keeping unit identifier.

Claim 5 (original): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the identifying information is an Electronic Product Code.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A method of detecting potential theft using radio frequency identification ("RFID") technology, comprising steps of:

scanning a printed sales receipt for identifying information stored thereon, in a machine-readable form, to reflect each of ~~reflecting~~ one or more items that were presented for purchase in a previous sales transaction represented by the printed sales receipt, wherein the identifying information is stored on the printed sales receipt in a first area that is separate from a second area of the printed sales receipt in which conventional itemized purchase information for the one or more items is printed;

searching, in an RFID tag affixed to each [[or]] of one or more items possessed by a shopper who also possesses the printed sales receipt, to locate corresponding identifying information for each possessed item; and

concluding that selected ones of the items possessed by the shopper were not paid for if the identifying information located for the selected items is not detected by the scanning step.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 6, wherein the scanning step comprises reading the identifying information from an RFID tag affixed to the printed sales receipt in the first area.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 6, wherein the identifying

information on the printed sales receipt was previously created by reading, from an RFID tag affixed to each of the one or more ~~presented~~ items presented for purchase, identifying information for that item and storing the identifying information for each of the presented [[item]] items on the printed sales receipt in the machine-readable form in the first area.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 6, wherein the concluding step does not conclude that selected ones of the possessed items were not paid for if those selected ones were in the shopper's possession when the shopper entered an establishment in which a transaction represented by the printed sales receipt was conducted.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 6, further comprising the step of remembering each item that was in the shopper's possession when the shopper entered an establishment in which a transaction represented by the printed sales receipt was conducted, and wherein the searching and concluding steps do not apply to the remembered items.

Claim 11 (currently amended): A system for preparing information usable in theft detection using radio frequency identification ("RFID") technology, comprising:

means for reading, from an RFID tag affixed to each of one or more ~~presented~~ items presented for purchase, identifying information for that item; and

means for storing the identifying information for each item in machine-readable form on a printed sales receipt reflecting the presented items, in addition to printing a conventional itemized purchase list on the printed sales receipt to reflect the presented items, wherein the

stored identifying information is stored in a first area of the printed sales receipt that is separate from a second area of the printed sales receipt in which the conventional itemized purchase list is printed.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The system according to Claim 11, wherein the identifying information is stored on the printed sales receipt as an enumerated list if more than one item is presented for purchase.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The system according to Claim 11, wherein the means for storing stores the identifying information in an RFID tag affixed to the printed sales receipt.

Claim 14 (original): The system according to Claim 11, wherein the identifying information is a stock-keeping unit identifier.

Claim 15 (original): The system according to Claim 11, wherein the identifying information is an Electronic Product Code.

Claim 16 (currently amended): A system for detecting potential theft using radio frequency identification ("RFID") technology, comprising:

means for scanning a printed sales receipt for identifying information stored thereon, in a machine-readable form, to reflect each of ~~reflecting~~ one or more items that were presented for purchase in a previous sales transaction represented by the printed sales receipt, wherein the

identifying information is stored on the printed sales receipt in a first area that is separate from a second area of the printed sales receipt in which conventional itemized purchase information for the one or more items is printed;

means for searching, in an RFID tag affixed to each [[or]] of one or more items possessed by a shopper who also possesses the printed sales receipt, to locate corresponding identifying information for each possessed item; and

means for concluding that selected ones of the items possessed by the shopper were not paid for if the identifying information located for the selected items is not detected by the means for scanning.

Claim 17 (currently amended): The system according to Claim 16, wherein the means for scanning comprises reading the identifying information from an RFID tag affixed to the printed sales receipt in the first area.

Claim 18 (currently amended): The system according to Claim 16, wherein the identifying information on the printed sales receipt was previously created by reading, from an RFID tag affixed to each of the one or more ~~presented~~ items presented for purchase, identifying information for that item and storing the identifying information for each of the presented [[item]] items on the printed sales receipt in the machine-readable form in the first area.

Claim 19 (currently amended): The system according to Claim 16, wherein the means for concluding does not conclude that selected ones of the possessed items were not paid for if those

selected ones were in the shopper's possession when the shopper entered an establishment in which a transaction represented by the printed sales receipt was conducted.

Claim 20 (currently amended): The system according to Claim 16, further comprising means for remembering each item that was in the shopper's possession when the shopper entered an establishment in which a transaction represented by the printed sales receipt was conducted, and wherein the means for searching and means for concluding do not apply to the remembered items.

Claim 21 (currently amended): A computer program product for preparing information usable in theft detection using radio frequency identification ("RFID") technology, the computer program product embodied on one or more computer-readable media and comprising:

computer-readable program code [[means]] for reading, from an RFID tag affixed to each of one or more ~~presented~~ items presented for purchase, identifying information for that item; and

computer-readable program code [[means]] for storing the identifying information for each item in machine-readable form on a printed sales receipt reflecting the presented items, in addition to printing a conventional itemized purchase list on the printed sales receipt to reflect the presented items, wherein the stored identifying information is stored in a first area of the printed sales receipt that is separate from a second area of the printed sales receipt in which the conventional itemized purchase list is printed.

Claim 22 (currently amended): The computer program product according to Claim 21, wherein

the identifying information is stored on the printed sales receipt as an enumerated list if more than one item is presented for purchase.

Claim 23 (currently amended): The computer program product according to Claim 21, wherein the computer-readable program code [[means]] for storing stores the identifying information in an RFID tag affixed to the printed sales receipt.

Claim 24 (original): The computer program product according to Claim 21, wherein the identifying information is a stock-keeping unit identifier.

Claim 25 (original): The computer program product according to Claim 21, wherein the identifying information is an Electronic Product Code.

Claim 26 (currently amended): A computer program product for detecting potential theft using radio frequency identification ("RFID") technology, the computer program product embodied on one or more computer-readable media and comprising:

computer-readable program code [[means]] for scanning a printed sales receipt for identifying information stored thereon, in a machine-readable form, to reflect each of ~~reflecting~~ one or more items that were presented for purchase in a previous sales transaction represented by the printed sales receipt, wherein the identifying information is stored on the printed sales receipt in a first area that is separate from a second area of the printed sales receipt in which conventional itemized purchase information for the one or more items is printed;

computer-readable program code [[means]] for searching, in an RFID tag affixed to each [[or]] of one or more items possessed by a shopper who also possesses the printed sales receipt, to locate corresponding identifying information for each possessed item; and

computer-readable program code [[means]] for concluding that selected ones of the items possessed by the shopper were not paid for if the identifying information located for the selected items is not detected by the computer-readable program code [[means]] for scanning.

Claim 27 (currently amended): The computer program product according to Claim 26, wherein the computer-readable program code [[means]] for scanning comprises reading the identifying information from an RFID tag affixed to the printed sales receipt in the first area.

Claim 28 (currently amended): The computer program product according to Claim 26, wherein the identifying information on the printed sales receipt was previously created by reading, from an RFID tag affixed to each of the one or more ~~presented~~ items presented for purchase, identifying information for that item and storing the identifying information for each of the presented [[item]] items on the printed sales receipt in the machine-readable form in the first area.

Claim 29 (currently amended): The computer program product according to Claim 26, wherein the computer-readable program code [[means]] for concluding does not conclude that selected ones of the possessed items were not paid for if those selected ones were in the shopper's possession when the shopper entered an establishment in which a transaction represented by the

printed sales receipt was conducted.

Claim 30 (currently amended): The computer program product according to Claim 26, further comprising computer-readable program code [[means]] for remembering each item that was in the shopper's possession when the shopper entered an establishment in which a transaction represented by the printed sales receipt was conducted, and wherein the computer-readable program code [[means]] for searching and the computer-readable program code means for concluding do not apply to the remembered items.